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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement dated August 24, 2007, Applicants elect the subject matter of Group II, claims 9-19, without traverse. Applicants also elect Species IIA and Species IB, without traverse. Applicants submit that claims 9-14, 16 and 17 read on the elected species and that claims 9-14 are generic to all species.

A prompt and favorable examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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